

# EARLY CAREER NETWORK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES



Date: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July (18:00)  
Location: via Microsoft Teams

Present: Alex Christopher (Treasurer), Simon Groom, Ayesha Landon-Browne, Serdar Aldanmazlar, Dan Hope (Secretary), Huw Richards, Thomas Skiggs

Apologies: Matt Sharp (Chair),

## 1) MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

**AC** - to send updates of financials / previous minutes and handover with **DH**.

## 2) Re-cap on EC Award

**AC/DH/SA/HR** All agree hybrid event way to go. Good overall turnout of people.

**AC** Early Career Award has eaten heavily in to the budget, particularly on catering.

**DH** to put photo of the champion, Hana, on LinkedIn and readvertise committee positions opened in the AGM.

## 3) Finance Update

**AC** £300-400 spent so approx. ½ to 2/3 yearly budget.

**AC** to finalise with revised 2023 forecast to circulate amongst committee.

## 4) Advertisement of committee

**DH** to advertise more via social media channels.

**MS/AC/DH** enquire directly with those who applied last time if interested in a position.

**MS/DH** advertise via mailchimp/ mailing list?

**AC** Suggested deadline of 15<sup>th</sup> July!

Possibly extend to 22nd – to follow with a committee meeting.

**HR** Enquires what will be selection process? **AC** confirms by way of internal vote following applicant introductions submitted during application process.

**HR** – Suggests specifying in advertisements that those interested to take on specialist group role to do so directly within their application.

**ALB** – Asks for clarification on what the role of Specialist Group Liaison is.

#### 5) Future Events – PLANNING

**ALL** - Next event – Mid/late August – Digital event – software? **HR** suggests September as start – perhaps run 4no to December/January.

**AC** – Asks that **ALL** please push with any potential software workshops.

**AC** – decision to be made regarding costs; the ECN cannot stomach the cost of several in-person workshops on current financial forecast.

**AC/HR** – Suggests that 1 digital demo per month would be most suitable.

**HR** – Software demos ~1hr long online rather than workshop. If we have good interest we can plan a workshop.

**DH** to approach RocScience.

**HR** to approach/plan a QGIS/similar demo.

**DH** asks all members to consider collaboration with Specialist Groups.

**AC/TS** – To approach Machine learning demo?

**HR** Due to in-person costs, aim for in-person events to start in 2023 and include in 2023 budget request.

#### 6) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

**SG** Raises issue in cost of Geological Society events series and raises large discrepancy in student cost (circa £100) versus professional cost (circa £900) **SG** to liaise with GeolSoc about catering for Early Career Professionals with subsidized fees.

**DH** Update from Regional Group Meeting June 2022 – rehousing of GeolSoc is likely but no firm alternative. Alcohol at events – mixed reviews by those attending but overall message is that when catering for events to find and promote ‘interesting’ non-alcoholic drinks. Events in day-time should be alcohol free.

**AC** Requests those with contacts to follow up regarding potential sponsorship to support financial capacity.

7) DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TBC – August 2022